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For the first one hundred years

of the existence of the church in Hatfield,

there are no records of the church defeards

from the records of the town.

The effort is now made to gather from
the town records, and to some extent, from
other sources, the material which will partly
supply the lack of church records, with the
following result.

Hatfield, Brurch 1890. Then "liberty" was given by the Honored friend Court" to a coloring from Connecticut to inhabit in Nometical", now Hadly, or ilsewhere on the Connecticut river, the committee or direct to establish the limeto of the town "thought good to lay out the bounds on both both sides of Jaid river.

found the river to great an obstacle their attendance in God's ordinances upon the other side of the river, that they early began to hold meeting, called side mestings, to seem best the following record of pears.

the side meeting, dovember b, 1668.

the side hath chosen as a committee folio Cowles sen. Jeaac Graves and Daniel White, for to provide a place for the being of a minister in this winter, as also to take care for his comfortable maintinance during that time.

Samuel Bilden. Fathanast Ditkinson. At the same mesting the first steps were taken toward building a meetinghouse.

At a side meeting, Nov 21, 1668, the side hatti chosen Thomas hestims sen. and John Cowles sen, William Allis and Jaac Graves to take the best counsel they Can with convenience of any that may be able to give advice or be helfeful to their in processing of a missester in the behalf of the dide; Thomas Mukins and John Cowles bring chosen to go to such a man, or if need regime to such wien ad they themselves, with the advice of others, shall think may be suitable to dispense the word of God to us for the present, in order to his farther Sittlement amongst us, if he and we do so agree, and to provide such a man if they can. damuel Belden

Aulle anarl Dickinson,

Fit. 16.1668-9, A rate was laid for a miseting house.

These doubte dates appear because contil 1752, the legal year began the 25 of March, making from Teb. 4 Mor. the last months in the old year, rather than the first months in the rew. To make the dates correspond to over method, take the last date. 1669, 26.

fan. 22, 1668-9. It was voted and agreed that Thomas Merkins sen and Samuel Belden should have full power to draw up any paper in the behalf of the side respecting the procuring of a minister according as they shall she mest, being advised by such as book to able to give advice in that work, during the journey they are now to perform in the behalf of the side.

Et a side meeting, May 17, 1669 it weed unanimously manifest by all the persons then present that they were willing to call Mr. Attention to the work of the ministry, and farther it was declared that the committee Chosen Orov. 21, 1668 - Mer Thomas Mickins Sen. William Allis, John Cowles son und Isaac Graves should treat with him about the Jaine to see see of he will settle amongst us wax x x in that work; and for his Encouragement the XXXXX, it was also manifest that the dede would allow Tity found per year for his maintinance.

in the records

Jan. 5. 1669-70 "a rate was laid for Dir Alterston".

At a meeting, they well to allow to Der, Hope attention

Hatfield hath granted to allow to Der, Hope attention

sixty I per year during his work in the ministry

amongst-us, provided they are free from providing

wood for his firing."

Scholar 31, 1670, a vote was passed to build a house

Nov. 25, 1670, "ner. Hope Attenton leaving had a call by the town of Natfield to the work of the munistry amongst us, and be now having accepted of the call to settle amongst is in that work, the lower of Halfield heath Thereufour gwin and granted to him all the meadow alloterent that was formerly granted to dinterant Bull, to getter with the plain belonging to the said aforment; and also a house lot ent taining Eight acros; and further that they will build him a sufficient dwelling house; and also, to give sixty found per year during his work he the minustry, to be paid in mansus following, by

two thirds in good mirch untable wheat, and one third in posts: he abiding in the work of the ministry amongst us till his death, all the land afordaid is given to him with the house; to him to his him and succession. to have and to hold foreser being freed from all charges past; but if he shall see god calling him from us, and he do resizon from us before for a drate, there to return to the town sixteen from 1 purchase, and all the charges for building and what charges so ever the town shall hereafter expend upon the land, except for the accomplishing of the breaking up of tin acros of land, and also to make the first lender of the Dale of the land to the town; and if he continues with us till his death, then this to be his and his heirs and successors before expressed; but if the payment of the sixty fouried per year aforesaid, our crops fall so far short as that we cannot fog in kind, then we do engage to pay him in the next best pay we have, and also that if god shall enable us and his need do regum, that then we will allow hom more;

January 13, 1670-71. The town considering of the great and wrightimed of the work they have histories by the half of God been Endravoring after, on the setting up of God's ordinances assungst us, and having by the goodness of God bein carried in our disins that way so far as we are, do think it our duty to undertake the guthering of a courch in the place, and in preparation to that work have appointed the twenty first day of this instable February- Vloud doubles be jumy; to be Refet a day of humiliation to seek the land for his help and quidance in a work of so great concern ment; and do give liberty to as many of the town as do disine lobe present whom that day."

Jan. 26, 1670-71. The inhabitants of Hatfield now present at a misting do unanimously consent that the choice of such as shall begin a church in this place shall be attempted amongst enselves: we have also manifested that they were willing that the Attention and all the members of other churches that are inhabitants in this place shall be the present that shall first-begin in the

gathering of a church how in this place, and have also further manifold that they were willing to have the full power of choosing three journess more to seally up the number of nine to join in the agents with into the hands of the present aforesaid, by. My attention and the present aforesaid."

In the new mentinghouse by the Select Brown - where sails

Then in the town records there appear I word votes portaining to m. Attention's house, and outes were as a laid for his support.

The records of the town for the next four years are lost, but from outher sources something

The following document was linds, -unished mr. J. 9. Newboard of the Courses of Mr. Hubbard is copied into these records. My Andrews account of ris Estate from the indians at Turners Talls is valuable and Explains itself. The originals are among the field transcripts.

Document, and correspondence. How Atherton's letter I mentioned to be.

Holing it may be of value to some bushes.

I remain

Nous torely.

Honey R. Stiles, M. D. Arm Mink, No. 1 Wall Start Soft 19/57 agtract from a letter of the shin Williams, Lingoniadon dated from 8, 1781, which accompanied the above letter addressed to British these. "In looking our my papers I found a Edge of a paper left of the Rev. Mr. Hope Atherton, the filst minister of tratfield, was was ordained May 10 16,0. This low Atherton went out with the forces (commanded by Explain Turner, Explain of the guinson soldins, and Cafet. Holythe of the county militia, against the Indians at the falls above & 284 ield in Beag 1076. In the fight whom their retreat In Atherion was unhorsel and esparated from the company, wandered

wandered in the woods some day and then got into Hadly which is on the vast side of the Connectione liev. But the right was on the west side. Mer Cotherton gam account that he had offered to Surrender hundely to the Enemy but they would not receive him. Many profile were not willing to give Cradit to his account, suggetting that he was beside numersf. This occasioned him to problesh to his congregation and leave in writing the account I see lose to you. I had the paper from which this is copied from his only son withe whom it was left. The account is doubtell time, for forathan Wells, alg. who was in the fight, and lived afterward at Derrield, and was intimately aggrainted with the Indians after the war, did himself inform mer that the indians told him that after the fall fint that a little man with a black coat and is thout any hat, come towards them, but they were afroid and van from thom [ him?] Correcting it was the Congustiman's God Mixe

Here follows the document.

Afon Atherton this congregation and all profes that small hear of the Lord's healings with him to praise and give thanks to god for a livis of remarkable deliverances wrought for him. The jeassage of divine providence being considered together make up a complete temporal selvation. I have passed through the valley of the shadow of Drate, and both the rod and staff of God delivered serv. A particular relation of extression Suffering that I have undergone, and signal escapes that the Lord nath made way for I make spenly, that glory may be given to nim, for his works have been winderful in themselves, and marvellow in more Egel; and will. be so in the eyes of all whose hearts are propound to believe What I shall relate. In the morning May, 1616; that followith the night in which I want out against the Energ with others, I was in was ent deinger through an instrument of death. A gun was discharged against me at a small distance; The Lora diverted the bullet so that no harm was done me. Then I departed from the army none pursued after sice, is if God mid gover the reation a charge saying let him alone, he shall have his life for a prey. The ingut

Hor dwilling places of our enemies; but none of them expered me. Steep fell expon their eyes and stimbering egion their Exclide. Their dog moved not less trapers. The next day I was Encompassed With Energies unto whom I and and ingel a Expluse, The roviner of God Is amed to require mo so to do. To was pleased to Edcape, and I had been a long time without Look. They accepted not the tender where I made, when I spake, they answered not, and when I moved loward them they moved away from mer. I expected he would lag hands upon me, but they did not . Understanding that this seems I trange and incredible to some, I have considered wester I was not decrived; and ofter consideration of all things, I cannot find sufficient ground to after my hought. If any have reason to judge otherwise than myself, who am less than the beast in the Kingdom of God, I desin them to intimate what their mason is. When I have mused, that which hath cast my thoughts according to the report I first mude is that it tends to the

glong of God in no small measure. If it were so, as I believe it was, that I was encompassed with court and unmineiful Enemies; and they were restrained by the hand of God from doing the trast injury to one, this Evidenceth that the blost trees must en the king dome of men, and dotte at stoom pleaseth him asment from them. Enemies cannot to what trey with, but an subsciount to orienter providence of sod. For a serie can, and sometimes from the west of man.

work, not long before the sum did sit, I declared with internation of bounds go to the indian habitu- tions. I spake such language as I throught they under- stood. Accordingly I indiavoned; but God, whose inverse was bigher than my thoughts, provinted me to his good providence. I was carned breide the sail Jinternation to walk in, and brought to the side of the great river, which was a good quine unto me. The most of to work passage of brovidence was on the valuate day morning. Having entered whom a blain, I down to or them spies, who I (at first) had a glance whom

Me. Mhirefore I turned aside and lay down.

The similar a tris to spir. Then my soul scently

served of God that he would put it into their

issures to so away. I wanted patiently, and it was

seet loss in he went away. Then I took that

comme ance I throught but according to the

wishom that God had given ms.

Two things I must not pass on. that an matters of thanks giving unti god; the first is that when my stringle was far forme, I wased through dry waters and they conflored me not according to theate parious words of sa. 43 2. The Iseemd is that I subsisted the space of three May and & part of a fourth without ordinary food. I thought upon these words, Man livette mot by break alone, but by som work that porocerdette out of the month of the Lord. I think it not too much to day that should you and I be signt and not set forth the praises of God through Jour Christ, that the stones are beams of burnouses would song hallelujale. I am not conscious to my out that

I have exerted in sperch. If I have epithen beyond what is convenient, I know it not. I have that it finds as are orphan and shall riose. It has that it finds foster fatters and mothers. I towever it fan among men, yet if it find acceptance with God him Christ fiew. I shall have couse to be abundancy satisfied. God's providence hath from so wonderfiel loward me, not because I have more widdom than others (2.30) nor breause I am more widdom than others, but treause it is pleased god.

Harfield May 24, 1676

The advance of the letter army toward Trements Palls war made Thursday night May 18, 1676, the attack enfronthe Indians at day break the next morning, the oftheren reached Hadly about noon on thombay, they 22. He did not is some to recover from the exposum and excitement of tree form day and died in a little is not these a year from 28, 1677.

In 1679, Mrs. attention game the town a relian from all its indibled nest to her late least and there of the trees are from all its indibled nest to her late least and they of the others.

At a town meeting fuly xxxx ( probably 1677) the town to a general vote leave manifished that they are desirous that Mr. Wise shall have a case to settle asserget us in the work of the ministry; and farther, that they will allow nime as to his timporal recaintinance suty bounds per y isrand a seriesent wood for no firing so long as ne continues in the work of the seconding among us; as also they will give sime the house and lot that is now in the lown's hands, treather with the whole rundered poured allotment, their to be his and his him and successors forever; forovided he continue in the work of the ministing amongst us till his drute; but if he shall see cause and do remon from us before his death, thein to religio the house and allotinent, and farther the town hatte chosen xxxx to acquaint her thise with the towns desin and proposition.

At a town meeting July 11, 1678. The town by a unanimous vote did massefest their cornest desires that the wint the world sittle amongst us in the work of the coincisty, and therefore have chosen with the town's desire.

Mr. Wis is refoly. Loving friends, If you just yourseled ound in conscione to do your atmost for the building of Gods house amongs you, it you can find in your hearts to grunt me thise two particulars -1. That you would condesced to entertain 16, 12, or at least ton min out of your common or impropriated and, two or them min gody and will, fit for more public I evorce the rist men ordinary and of good report 2. That you would make my living confortable Combined with my delived, which I hope you will find Weither imational nor burdensome, I say, grant use these two things, and devene your place in I shall. yield myself to be wally an unreamed tereant- to your sould, and as a farther board in God's time to take office amongst you to leaving you to the care of God and the conduct of divine wisdom I rest and remain your wind and swant, bugins the continuance of your stayed for John Wist This 7112, 2: 79

The a town meesting 21:4: 1679, the town halk Chosin as a Committee xxxx 10 go and agreement Mr. West with wheat the town hath done in reference to his settlement amongst us in a writing bran ing date 7: 2: 79. which is that the town hath, upon condition that Mr. Wise Settle amongst in in the work of the ministy, granted to make accommodations for in men as good as we are able out of our Common lands; and also sweral men him greented to give out of their incorporated lends, upon the condition aboutaid, to the value of 130 acres and espeards.

At a town meeting in Harfield July 24
16/10 from how the provide the office of the sound the filler of the provide the stand of the filler of the series on answer from Mr Hose in our behalf xxxx and if they find his answer to be regarden, then they are desired and impowered to enguen after a minister for us, and if they can hear of our sustable for us, to sind us words

At a town mereting in Halfield 10th of Nov. 1679 The town hatte manifested that they are Austrous Der Charmey shall have a call to come and proceed amongs! us for the term of a new or less, as no and the true scall agrice, in order to settlement, if it- shall please God to incline the hearts of how Chauncy and the inhabitants to close with Each other; and farther trat be town will allow him as to his temporal maintenance July sound for your and the use of the term rouse and an allimes; and they have chosen and improved x x x x to acquaint her. Chance y with the touris & seri, At a town meeting in Hatfield Tit. 24, 1679-80 The town hath manifested by a general vote that they were willing and desirous that Her. Channey

they were willing and desirous that Mer. Chauncy they were willing and desirous that Mer. Chauncy shall have a call to settle in the work of the ministry amended us; and as to his temporal maintimance they will allow him sixly pounds for year, and shiftinent word for his firing so long in he continues in the work of the minutes amenget us; as also they will give himsely amenget us; as also they will give himsely amenget us; as also they will give himsely with all

the alletement belonging to it to be his, his hiers and successon forever; provided x xxx Etc. Ele. and the town hatte chosen the Select Men logether with John Coleman to acquaint Mr. Channey with the towns desire and proposal.

by the town, apparently to make the townis proposal, to mr. Chauncy more acceptable to him. They portained to his firewood, homestead, and meadow allotment.

Thomas Merkins, Edward Church and Jamuel Dickinson to speak with Mr. Wise and treat with him in reference to his coming and settling in the work of the ministry amongs us, and to return his answer to the lown, the lown being willing to allow as to his temporal maintinance as formerly in proposition made to him

In 1681 and in 1682 segotiations were carried on between the Lown and m Chauncy with reference to his sittlement and at a

huth boted agried, if her Crawney will settle in the work of the minute amongst us, they will allow him sexty bound per year during his work in the member, and also allow him forwood sufficient for his warming" and some other forguisites. Various rated of sinty founds rate wor laid for her Chauncy's salar, and he was installed in 1683, and did clos. 5. 1685, and a rate was laid to discharge his found expenses.

At a town sneeting in Halfield, Nov. 11, 1685 the Church and the town health agreed to sind into the Bag for the procuring of a minister as specificly as may be, and have chosen danied Belden som and Eliage From for the church and town as messingers from both to advise with the Elders them, and accordingly to \_\_\_\_\_ and if they can, to procun a minister to come as speed its as may be, and that if the church town and he do so agree, in order to settlement in the took and for his yearly salary before settlement

they will allow tell found per year; and if he do dette in office him the town will allow him according as his need that require and the town be capable provided it excessed

Die 7, 1885 the town granted a rate to depay hom. Charoney & salary also one to depay in minstris dalay the tilliams and at a metiting 126. 15, 1685-80 granted that if any mon do des cause to ply their proportion of the 23 rate to shall have liting to to to."

att the same meeting the lown improved a Committee to go down into the Bay with W. Williams to Segenmeny of march xxx and to treat with him about her returning and to long the town his answer. At the same mosting the lown manifested its willing on so that My Williams should settle in office in this time and grance a rate of To to defray the ministris salary

Mr. Williams was ordained in 1686.

does not appear some in the lown records of insults to the course. The salay of the patter was regularly with your to your.

and then were reter with regressive to flat for it and for adapting the old purplet to the seen receive, but the new house was not built

In 1704 The two outet to brick a pair of stain grove the crost-beam est to the next loor in the meeting house. In 170% Il Commetter was crown to refair and trefe in release the meeting meets.

March 7 176 g boted and granted to the du Williams for his salay grants suly promed in current mong, that is to say, so how as an are held under difficulties of the war with the heather. Id sum of sext founds of oreorey to be strong on all the inhabitants' istotes of Natfield according to the rated for raising sums of money to depray other town crayes.

May 5 1709, boted by the town that whereas many milled town have no state at all

in the mereting house and are thinwith much distalistist, Thereby rendering the security nouse again requisite - The town unanimously agree that they will seat the meeting nouse over again.

for a commetter to seat the mining house and appoint to every man their seats where they shall sit, and for a rule to go by, in shall be of ago, estates, and places of liest 170% o it was voted by the town

that they give liberty to any of the incubilants who will at their own changes, make two tiens of pews in the meeting house where the two short seats are between the south and not dook and the stains to be to their use and convenience.

late senting of the town from the shall be nell and wind and that all persons velier to seat seat seat seat the series viller former seats. Voted that they will seat the mental me menting would seat the menting receive answer, and those a committee for it.

where the fluck seas are next be present person and that these persons be forthwith made at the lown's charge.

1710, loted to the lower that they disamed the with nower loted to compiem the old committee chosen for the senting of the nection nouse and that he go about said work.

house our were, and went the committee state continue status, and to make attrations as they shall in their sound indepent think mest promition to said from the state of the said strong for said strong to said.

Jane date. Voted that they value and esterm the last seat in the rest in the body; the fourth seat in the body; and the fourth seat in the garder with the sight seat in the body; and the first seat in the garder with the sight seat in the body. The women's little sew next the buthit, higher than the other women's little sew next the buthit, higher than the other women's pow, the other lower pew, lower than the fore seal in the body.

March 2, 1718-19

reseal the meeting house again, also that they choose a new committee of five men to stat the mesting house amount to be chosen by papers; what here have the beath seats, butting on the lower pew on the lower pew on the enemy to be trust of pews at lower or the sides be turned into how this of pews at lower change.

Fricams to nature a pew at the same literty was given to Ca, to tring Dwight, Ensey Colward Paratide and Thomas Nasting to built a lew fortunation of the sameling house.

Justice unsettled financial state of the country, the pastor's valary was raised your your, and as "the bills of credit" in which he was joined did not always juiled what was expected additional grants were from made to make good a deficiency, with the provise attactue.

that he should give a general acquettance for his past salary"

In 1733 formission was given to the going mon to "becild a form over the mosts stains" allo to several young maids to build a form over the womens stains" are a vote to seat the someting house anew, "according to age, estate and qualifications" also a comparative estimate of the deject of various seats.

It a suretry monch 3 1734-5 a request from Ivered going men and maids for promission to build a few in the front galley, after reference to a committee was refused

Dec 1. 1735 The town voted Rw. Im. Williams twelve sounds to make who his below for 1734 and also "that when the abordard twelve sounds is raised in the town, the town clack shall take and forgethe same to the Rw. Im. Williams, and the Soleet the same are herely directed to go with the Clark at the same time and take a general requirement of the Williams for his bast services.

Lea Dickinson and Richard Gelling be a committee to treat with the Ru Mr. Williams respecting the lower of fetting the lower of the forms of him in the work of the seriousty.

Munas the town in this meeting has mojeosed to get some assistance for the Ru. Mr. William Miliams in the work of the ministry and have also sent a commenter to lever this day to know mes mend in that a fair, who have reported to the new try that her Williams desired assistance at least me had of the time; and frester he projected, in case the town provide assistance for home one half of the time them he will about one half of his valay and so in importion as he had assistance for mon or last time. In case the town will grant some the use of the passon age land and his wood according to his varian or contract during the time I has matural life

total that they do accept of the sound proposal

of the said Mw. William Williams, and that they will take young care to get him some suitable assistance ascording to his desire, and that he shall have the use of the participation of work from limit to time as he shall stand in next of during the time of his natural left Voted also that very be a committee spreading to take the but advice they can in order to get some suitable from the addition the Mr. Williams Milliams in the work of the ministry and make application to such from in order them for.

In 1788 a My Jonathan Barber proched 11000 absiling the Midleans, and in December of that gear both the clause and the liver gave by Barber a call, out he had not accept it, and cary in nut year. Fit 5 1188-9 the form voted that the committee chain in March last to get absolunce for the Williams or continued in od small and to attend to such instructions as the liver shall give them. GAD

Wited That the said Committee first 111 ake application to Mr. Timothy troodbridge, one of the textood in the college at Arm Hoom, to assist less. Mr. World make in the wall of the ministry. Voud mad the said Committee, in case they cannot estim the said Mr. Wood bridge. Have sower whom good shoice to make application to any other promon or proposes to world the stilliums as your aid.

Aur 15, 1739 Ett a light town merting, voted by the innatitudes of the town that they do concer with The Church x x x x and do Elect Div. Timothy troducte is the seriouster of the town, and for his Encouragement to settle; xxxx that they do and will give now x x x the lower lot so called x 2xx to be to him his heirs and addigns for ver, and also 300 founds in bills of public evidit xxxx provided be actually sittle and continue in the work of the serioustry during the term of his realized let V X X and so long as he is The fue with our Red. Paston Mr. Williams, and he shall carry on but one has of the work xxxx, they will give him 140 pounds in bills of public condit-per amount; and when the whole work xxxx shall deader upon him xxxx they will juin him annually the sum of 42 pounds in vilver moner at 6 shullings and 8 since per orunce, xxxx and after the direct of our present Revenue pastor, Al allow him the cest of the minutes or seguitation land xxx and do find him his pursual

prisons is deformed to vait upon the Moddendy"

reported "that Mr Woodenige did not espect to the proposals of the lower except as to the equality and sufficiency of the sums of 42 pointed for his support:

that interest the town see it to make an addition he thinks it not foundered to take them into further consideration."

The town vocal "to give Mr. Woodoridge a to the decease of our present Rw. pastor, in addition, the summer of fifty shillings, assuredly in silver many, provided ne will accept it is pay in grain or porte, if the

town to desire to jour it in the same." As to the trons of settlement and support duning the difetion of your present home suster I do not exist to the same. But is to the suffert you offer me after the decruse Or your prisent saster it is not wrolly agreedle to me. I meun the spreies in which you pero rose to sugition. x x x x Let considering the difficulties as to a medium of trade and heavy taxes for a few years to come, I am content, if I do outter x xxx to allefit it in the species you propose to pay tell 1, 45, of the 44 from as and 10 Shilling in silver morey at six shilling and right pince for ourse shall second my du becording to your proposals. xxx x x x x If after the full of the salary you offer now takes place it should prove indufficient for my support, and my restitoes or commence should ded make such with additions to it us

time what call for.

This last item, though the town word to accept my Woodlandis proposed, was a "grisvance to sunday possons", and by desired him "to retract the same", and his answer follows.

To the lown of Yastrill.

for having by your committee made known to me your desire that I should relinguish my right to a certain vole you subsed when you origed yours now to make further addition to my Stated salary as my Circumstances should require and your abdited anould allow, because some suppose that the consumer of such an obligation might prove unhappy both to you and me. in theal it meight be improved by mile make dimends upon the town that were unveasonable, and exe on how non-Compliance the next stife would be a

Complaint to the Court were might alimate our afrections one from unother, und true under 1129 usefulus among you, for the removal therein of this ofpretion, I come walling not to insist whom it and am continte let that vote deep. But in case such a time should hafefren in which I small want a justin addition to my dalay, I don't see an of my oregoing this vote to buy myself under any disakventage in making abolication to the town for an udalition of sich a leave should happen but that there we may Come inche donne is usual agreement hopiet essy it litele I suppose to be what all are willing to comply with. Tisnotty Woodbridge

After further composition and a committee for that junter, Im. No thinks was ord in a committee for that junter, Im. No thinks was ord in a Committee Cook. 14, 1739.

Mr. Wiliams died Sus 31, 1:41 in 14th the words sin us no und us to row much of rat time the times was no und us to row much of rat time to the liames was east used weeds from persons unless it regreend in the following votes, Dec 6 1/41.

" The town dericht the sent or in to go to the Executor of Rec. Mr. Ha same und lake use decount of what is the rom rom but lown; all to the mr. Toodorder und ans with rein for his e ervice in the minety from March lat. ast year to Planen 1st next year and voted that there to 300 books printed of the Rw Mr. Whard's some proceed at the sunual of Art. M. William Williams dicrasid' and raised a committee to attend to the matter, and at a mesting held march 1, 1741-2 directed the across Commenter to distribute the oooks us -ollows - Vig. to rack family or householder in the lower one books. Each ordained minister in the county, our roots. duck a member to the Red. Ar Exwands who preached the seronon, as is usual in such cases, and a convenient, to the relation of said deceased, and

The remainder to be sold at 16 Dec. 6, 1742. granted to very the orivitye of ouilding a pew at the lower part of the meeting house -in which service they grant them one half of the two hindermast seats in the meeting house on the north side of the merting nones. also whose petition of xxxxx detting forthe that Ties made no seat in the morting nouse institute to their cercumulances, granted is the isid jourdons one half of the the hand ween stats in the merting house on the north side, and that they have the privilege of building a pow them at their own charge." In ther wordstilled state of the country and of The curring the town made arrangements good of your or her. Hood mages salary, taking can that the pay in tills of more credit", in old is " or new tenor should not tall below the stitulater duling, and for his firewood and discussed the gurdion of relaining the old merting coule or of building a new one, and on March. 2. 174334. The question was let western the

town will now proud to make any irons time for the building a new houle for the worship of dock in the town - padded in the origation. March 29. 1744 the lowse who banted a committee is repaire the mesting house, so Effectively under oin it that, me her ingerest, it will be prevented fram soreading for the fection, also voted that They will repair the turner, and therewion the question of any within repaired salled in the 122galove, At- the adjourned meeting the next day the town reconsidered the vote as to underfinning the misting house, and the quistion of more general repairs padded in the negative. The question of proceeding now to propoune for a over Biesting house, also casted in the sugative. Al engal lum mesting Dec. 3, 1744

listed by the town that they will build a few at the cost of the town, for Red. Mr. Woodender, taking one hat of the two wind seals, and that the delection take care that the same be excelled and made forthwish". I seed to regular the sealing in the meeting house.

Abril 21, 1746, Voted that the place for villing the new mesting nouse shall be when the old ochool house did stand-vig-the center of the new meeting house as to dorth and south shall be when the center of the old ochool house was."

"Voted that they will build a messting house for the bubic worship of God for the was of the inhabitants of the town!

trised a committee to root on presentinfecient of the secretion nouse necessary
and in a -orthight total to reconsider
the vote to build a new meeting nouse and
the outside was then drived

Lie. 5, 1748 after voting 26, 10 5 old tomor to me for last years deficiency to M. Woodinds, bothed that them be accounted and build out 52 the town troasing to dev. 15 w. Woodondge the simm of 150 in addition to his valery in consideration of the extraordinay in the necessaries of life.

out for the protect worship of God shall be set south of the mount mesting now and as near to the same as conveniently may be."

To be creat and finished in such a convenient time as the lown shall remains agree," and raises a convenient to provide material

be 58 - Int in langer, 45 in dreadth, with a suitable stufer ad oming at the north end."

sales and state the sum of 4000 pounds old tenor to be employed in duiding the server mesting the server

Mearch & 1750, Voud that the committee for building the new meeting house shall with all convenient theed browide for the execting and, Isting up a new meeting house"

March 24, 1750. Voted that the place for setting the

he old school were stood" and the

40 committee raised to view the ground and make report reported that the center Thereof as to clouth and could be down 7) + 226 north of the dividing line between Col. Williams's and her. Woodbridge's house lots." littled that the west side of the house should to set 28 fort from the west side of the town Ofter long continued disagreement relative to the site of the over house, Early in June 1750 the town voled hat they would choose a Committee of judicions disministed proms in the recighoring town to consider of and fix a place, and chose Increase Clark Thomas But stephen Wight : tout triple and Jos. Bascom of North son store" and when heer report was read in town mesting "I was accepted only so for as it respected the setting of the house as to Chorte and south. June 8, 1750 The town voted that the south and of the new meeting rouse viroueld aguero with the would end of the present house

that the house or set 3 feet purther East than the

Voted that the meetinghouse Committee provide and Charge to the town a tarrie of run and so much begar and some as may be given by their direction to such jurish as may come from marginoring towns as sociators, were the new much house some trails at sociators, were the new much house souls to raised."

finish the meeting nouse the next summer, also had the recent of the founds have the ment summer, and have it of the founds that it be faid into the training of the last of steament.

defet 21, 1752. "The commettee chosen in March last to regulate persons setting in the meeting house referred, and the town voted to accept and continum the same and that it be ited with the Town Clesto"

and marrie 10, 1755 Chose a Committee to vittee and adjust accounts with the Committee the built the menting books.

Dec. 22, 1755, Officeton bring made by Dea. Buding for a suitable stat in the mesting house for the forson with whom he proposed come to intermany, sold that the delect men be directed to provide one accordingly.

April 1, 1758.

That he might go as Chalitain in the Expedition against Canada, Voted in the affirmation, Armene contra diente"

In 1759 it was voted that the two hind stats in the body of the meeting women butte on the men and women's sides be formed ento forms at the creams of the town."

1763. Et of the pend were added in the rear of own already Existing the town soled "that the pendous sitting in the pews adjoining to the new forms, he would the doors from charge, to remove the doors from the buck of said

There was oft vering trouble with the agricul" on account of the scaling and completties a mappointer to consider the matter and march 10, 1763 "a bew sas assigned to the Hon. Cot Williams and his family," and the stating committee made a report which were accepted so far as respected the seacing of Mes. Martin laster der, Oliver Partnege is with an doughters en a form of the smallves, out the question of accepting the report of the commetter pulled in the regative" Them on a motion

Voted that dethe Graves then Church and Laved Billings or removed to the fore seat front galling women's side; that when Omilite be removed to the form where abel Want was placed, in he where Daniel Dickmoon fr. was placed, and Danid Dickin-Son Jun. to where John donite was placed and with the above attrations the report was argited.

Mis 23. a committee was a promited to occupy the

publit

44 Mr. Woodbridge died June 3, 1770. Dic. 3 1770. The lown voted an allowmer to m. Hordinagio when for his Dalary to the time of his death; also to Mis. Woodbridge for the voluntary supply of the publit of reguloning ministers. At a lown musting an 2, 1772 in Natfield - Voted by the inhabitants of weid from that they do concern with the Church in the love and do choose Mr. Joseph agenon to the minester of lind town; and for his incomagionint to settle in the work of the ministry they will give him the sum of 200 pounds lunful I rowing 100 sounds to be paid the first day of June next 100 the mot day of um 1773; and that they will give him annually the sum of 80 portures lunger money as a salary, also the use of the lands called the mensty or sequestired lands and -rose tome to time such quantity of forwood as he shall want.

Mr. Lyman's reply Hatfield. Feb. 11772. to the members of the country of Chast in Halfield and other inhabitants of the Town of Hattield Britteeren Vounds! Murias your Committee in town conting assormed the and of familiast have presented me with a copy of the vote in said mereting, whenly the interbetants of The town concurrent with the vote of the church making choice of me as they minutes and have likewise presented me with the votes of the town granting 200 pounds wewell 12 29 as an encouragement for me to sittle in the ministry in the town; also the sum 5-80 formed lawful money as a sading, together with the use and improviment of the lands in to lown called the misustry or sequestioned lands; in also such quantity of fire, as small from time be necession for me unit I continue

to a me minister of the town; I have taken the aforesaid better inte I mous Consideration, and have confully consulted and advised themeson and have deter minst to console with the aporesand Choice of the enerch and concurring disers of the town as also to accept of the a-ordered orgrobals of the lown for a drittement and a salary.

Anower as you, Gentlemin, will readily suppose that I am unacquainted with what may be needlay for the suffert and mentenance of myself and a -amy i ould I have one, I shall expect you will make such additions as shall be reasonable and as the town's ability will admit and me necesities shall require.

I am fintemen your Brother in the faith of the gospol Joseph Lyman.

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A committie was appointed to make suitable provision in the towns behalf for Mr. Syman's ordination and we was ordained march 4 1772.













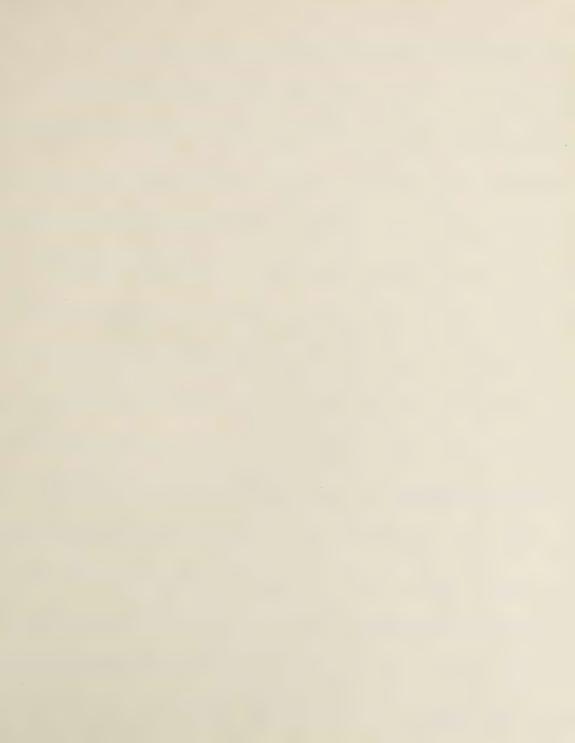




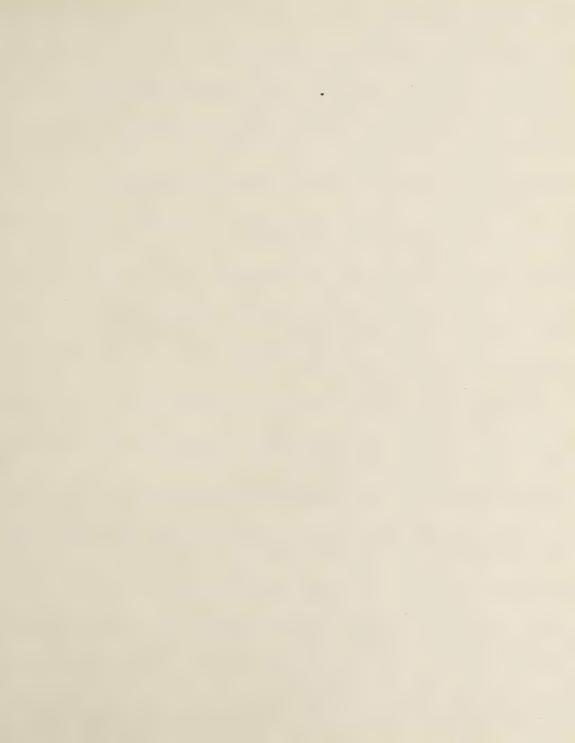


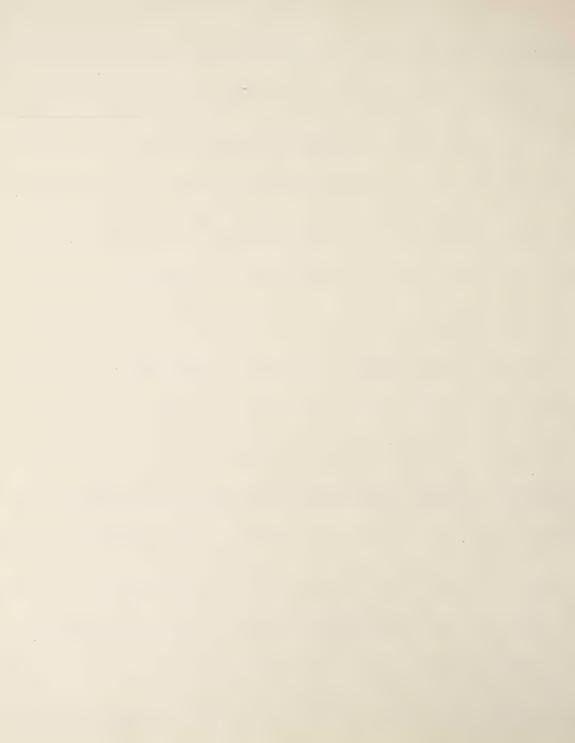


























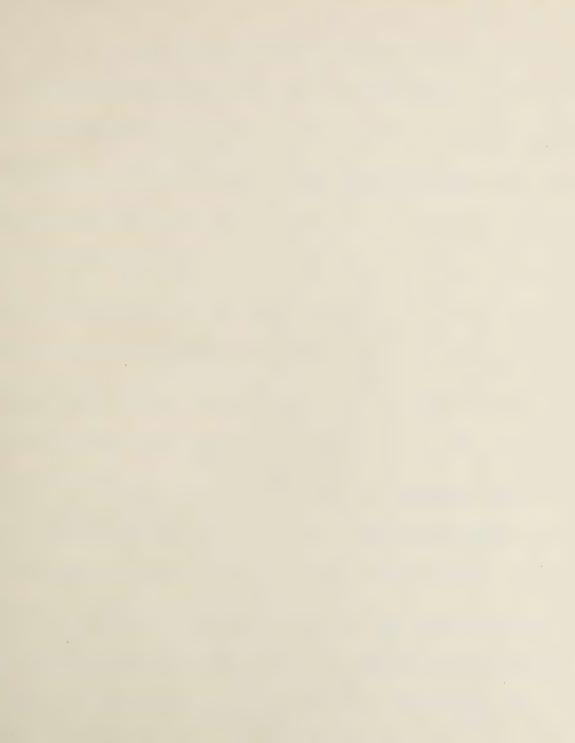












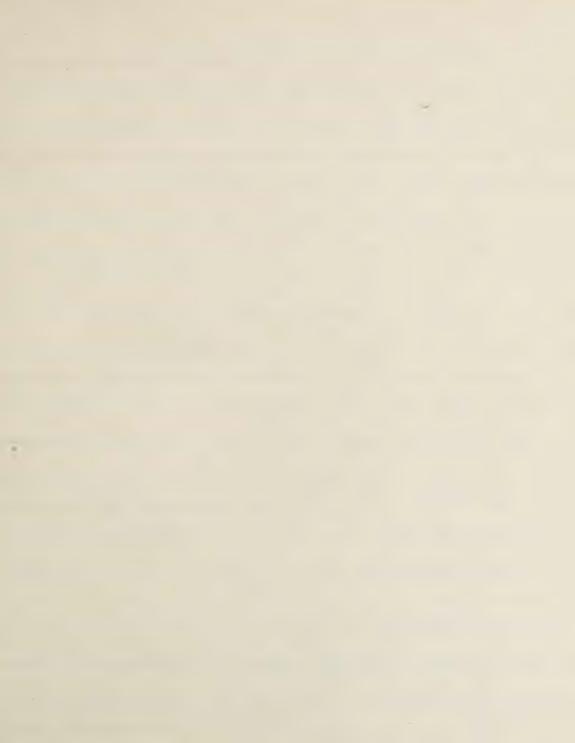




























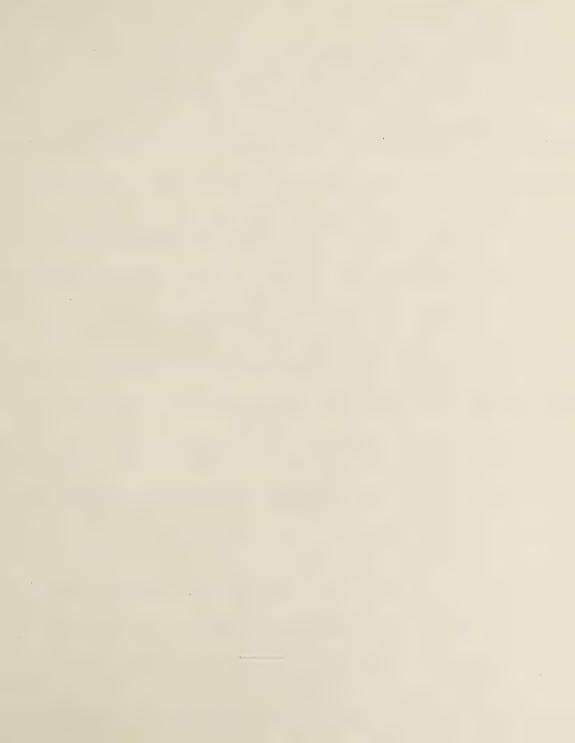












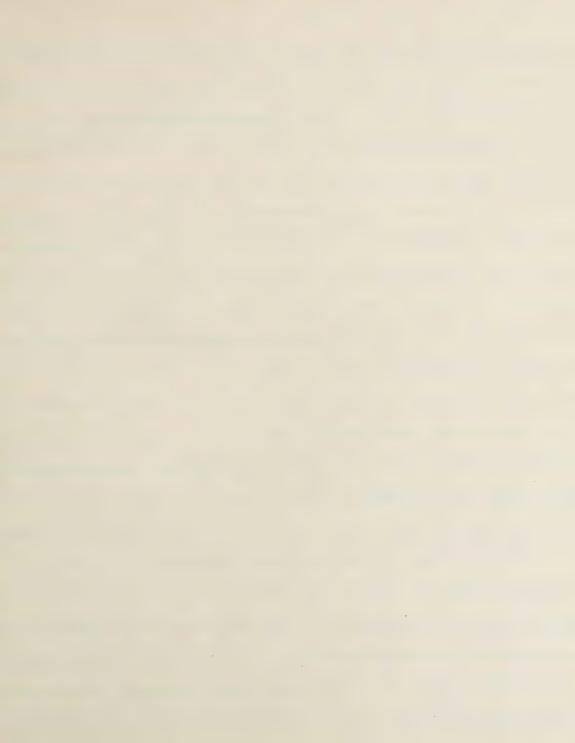




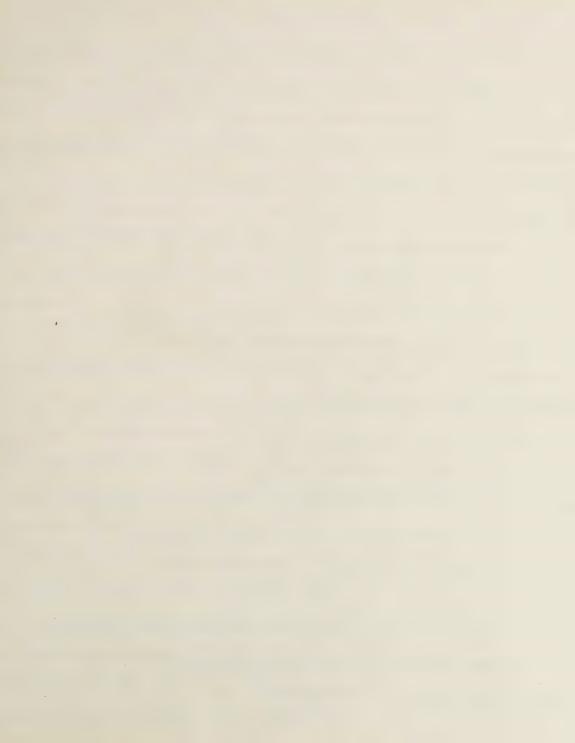


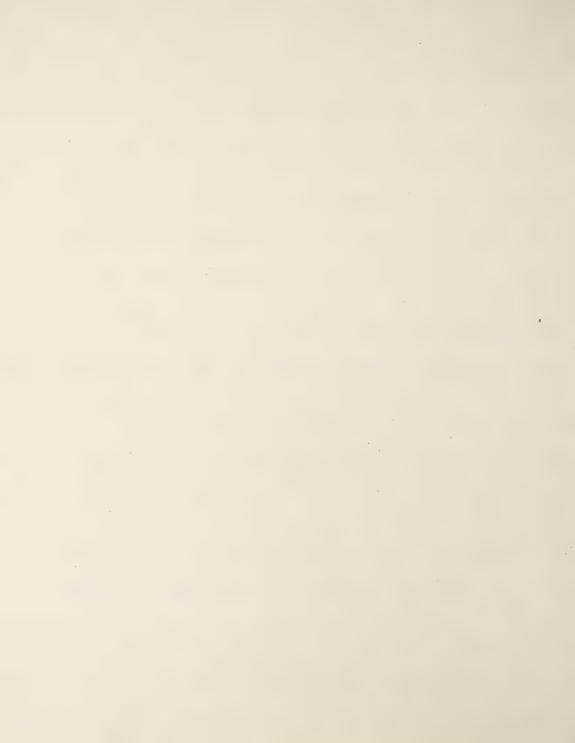




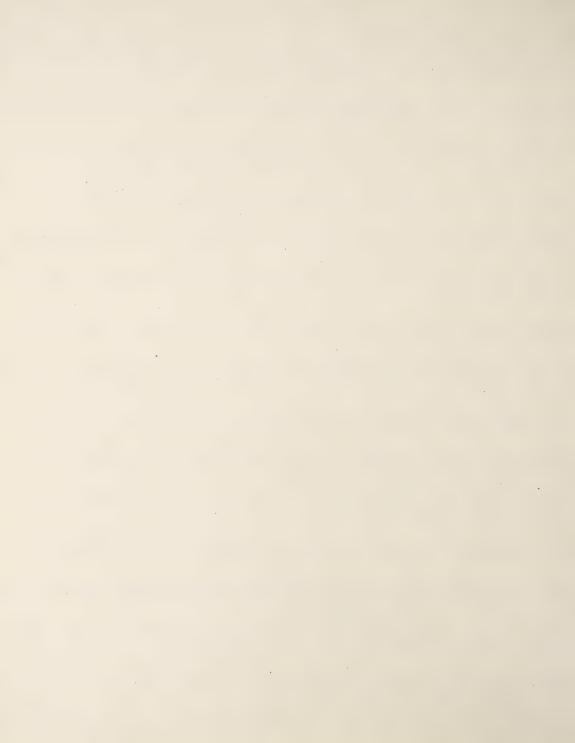


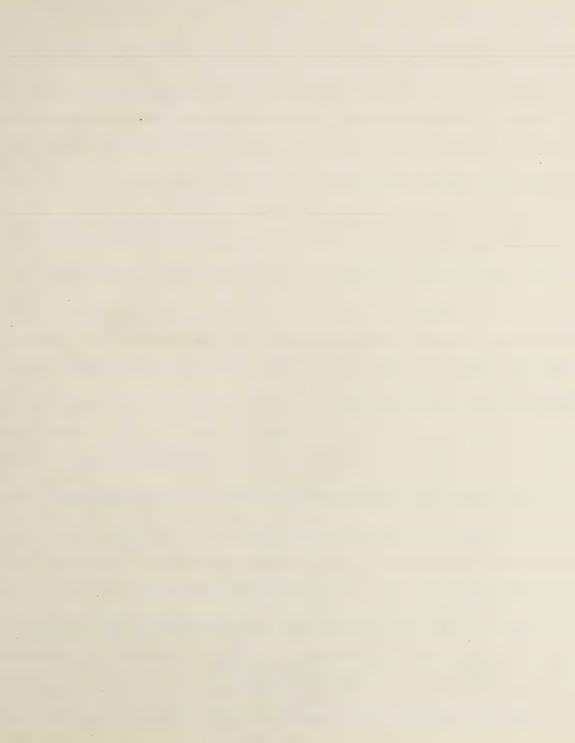


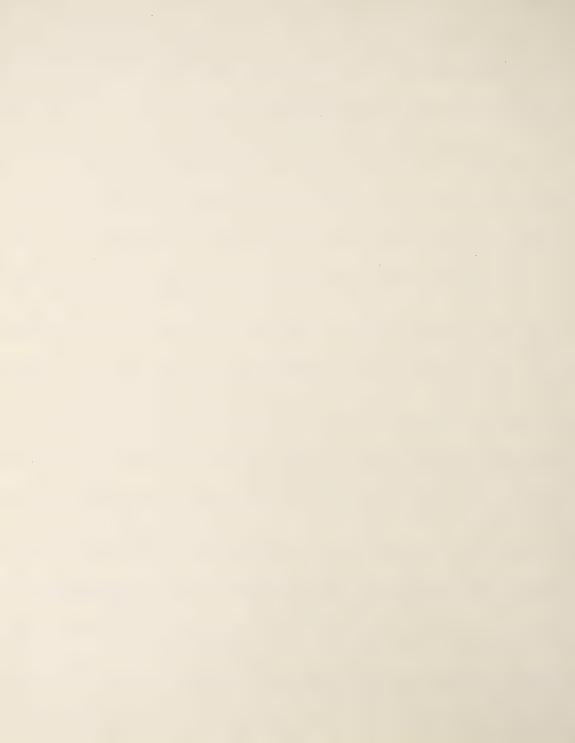


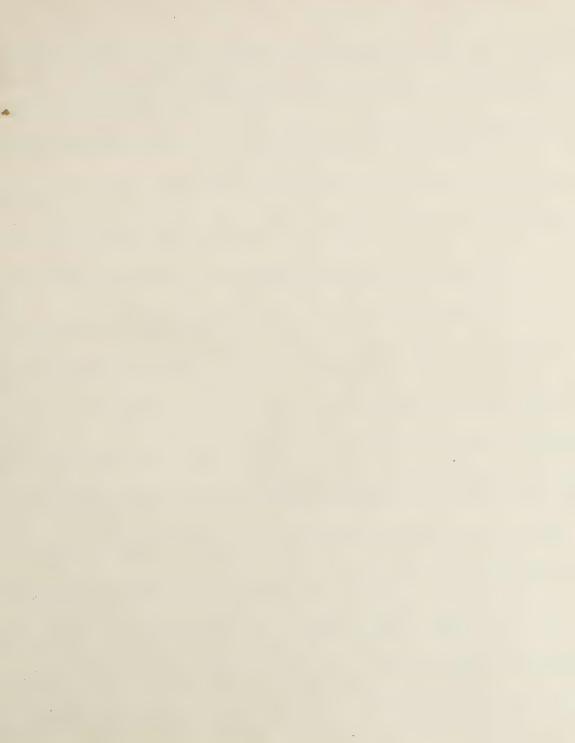




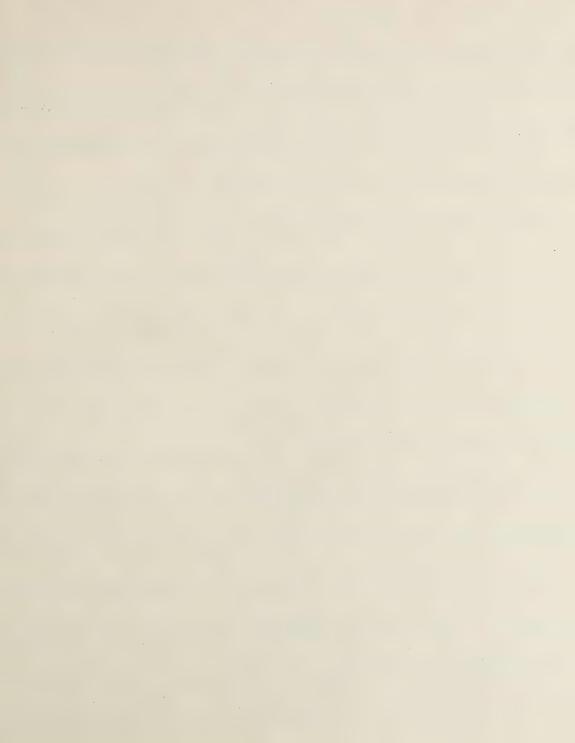








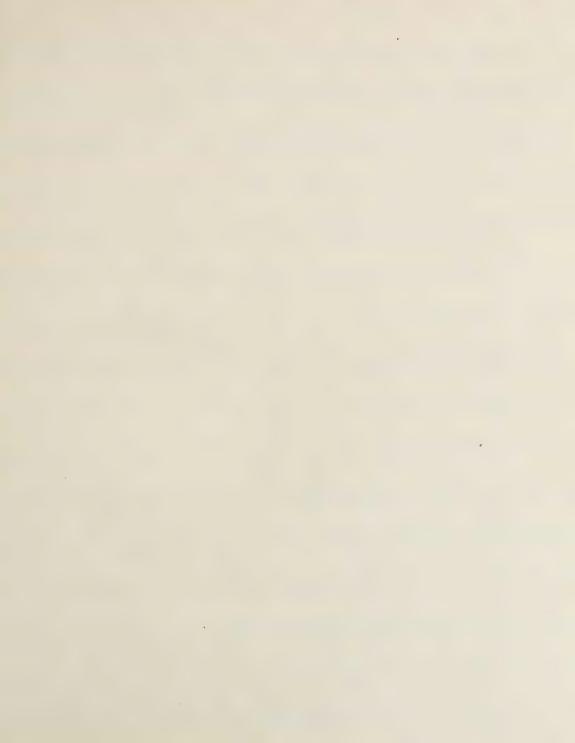








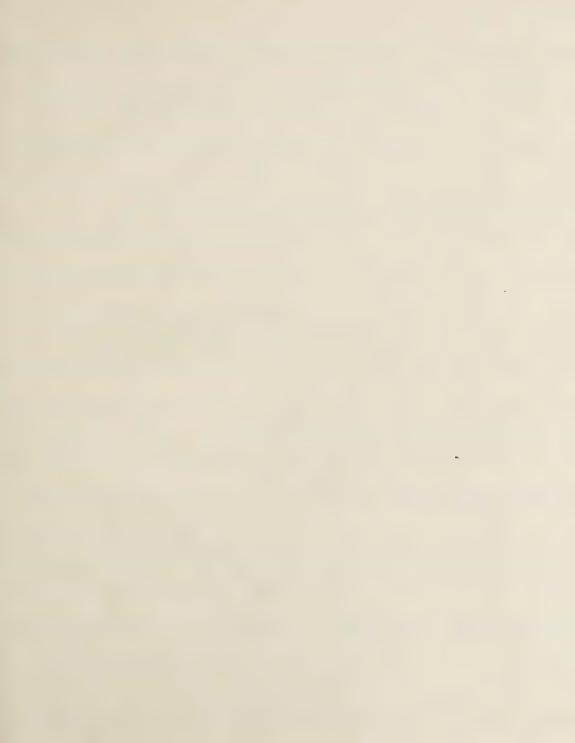




























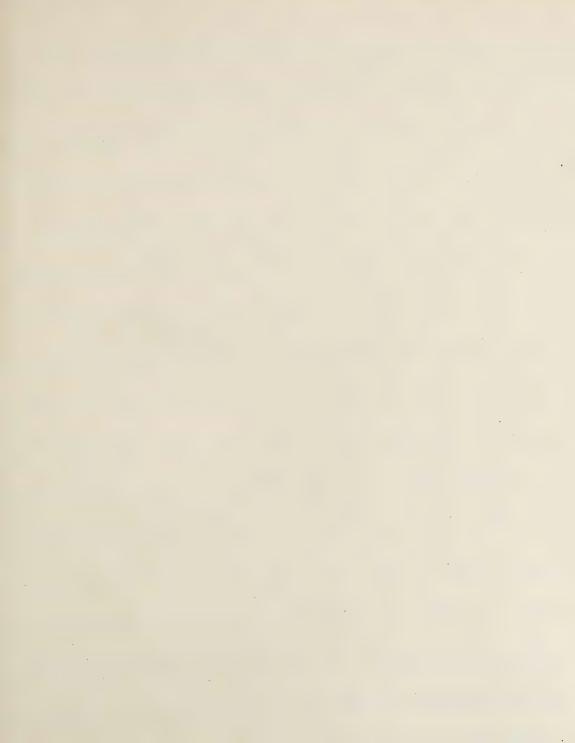




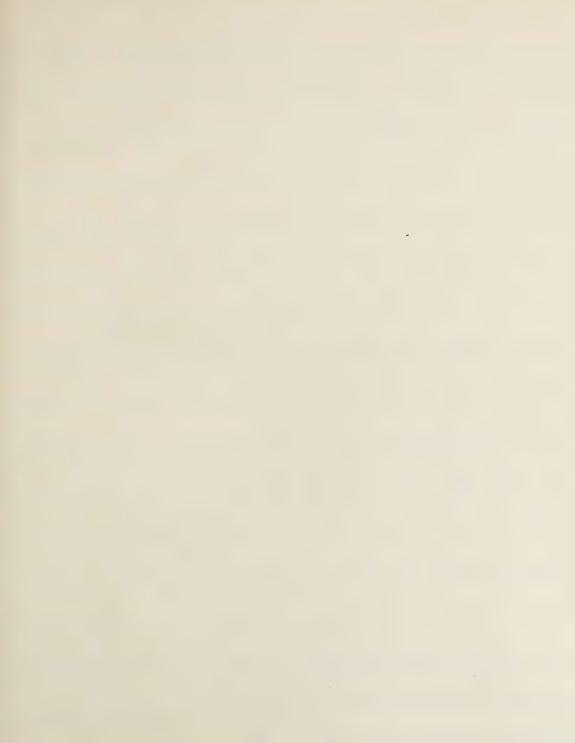


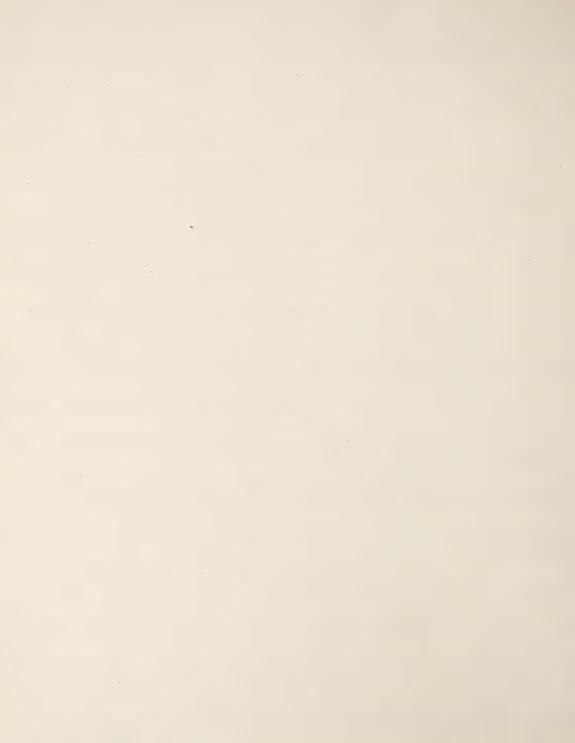


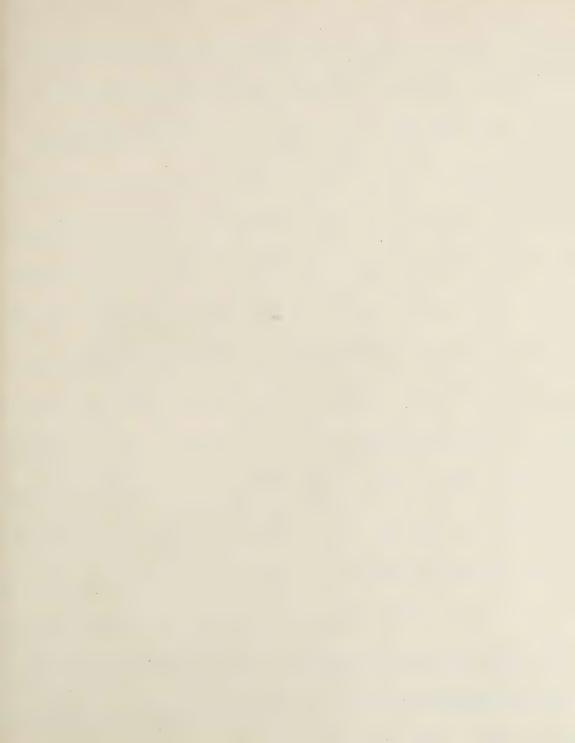


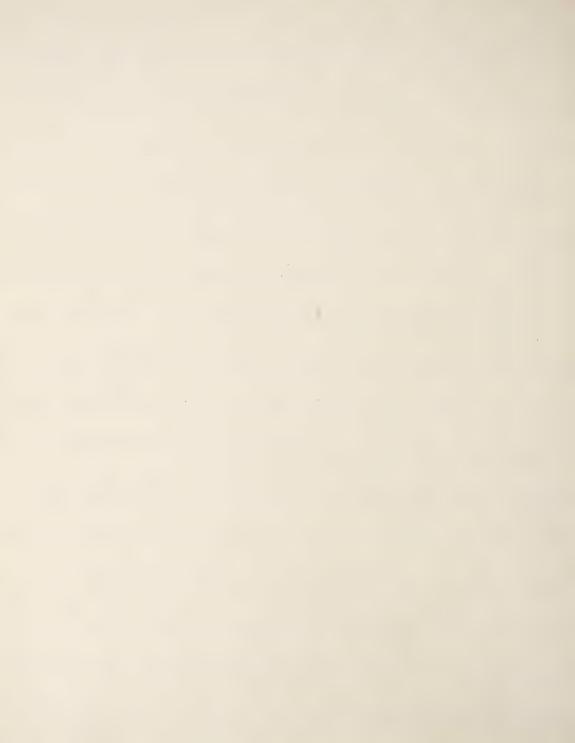


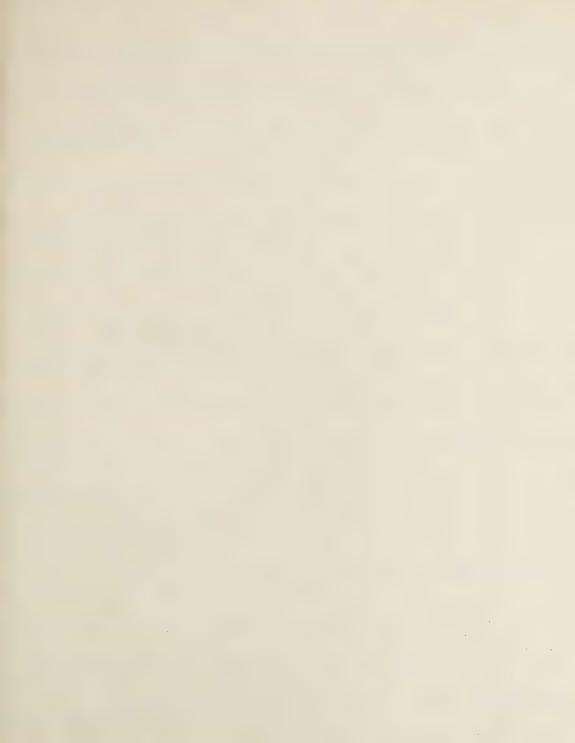


























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